

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Report on SDOT position for pay station graffiti control

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that by March 1, 2011 Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) submit a report identifying how best to implement the Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods (SPUN) Committee's recommendation for a tonnage tax-supported graffiti position in SDOT for pay station graffiti control.

During its review of 2011-2012 solid waste rates, the SPUN Committee considered recommendations from the 2010 City Auditor's report on City graffiti control efforts, and agreed with the recommendation to transfer a SPU graffiti position to SDOT for pay station graffiti control. By recommending a "transfer," the Committee assumed no significant cost increases or net new positions would be associated with the action (Technically, however, a budget action to transfer a position would eliminate a SPU position and add a SDOT position). Implementing the Committee's recommendation requires resolution of several issues including: Which position should be transferred? If a filled position is transferred, do job classification and work process issues needed to be resolved? What is the reasonable cost of the position in SDOT and what billing and payment procedures are needed for SDOT to obtain tonnage tax reimbursement from SPU?

The report requested in this Statement of Legislative Intent should describe how best to implement the Committee's recommendation, so that the following Council goals are accomplished:

- The position will ultimately be assigned to SDOT and the position's work plan directed by SDOT.
- SPU tonnage tax revenues will fund the position and associated vehicle and materials costs in 2011 and 2012 but not SDOT indirect cost recovery. It is anticipated that no more than \$95,000 of tonnage tax revenues will be allocated to support the SDOT position over a 12-month period.
- Funding for the position must be accomplished with no further increases in tonnage taxes beyond those proposed in green sheet 8-1-A and C.B. 117029.

The report should include the method of adding the SDOT position (transfer of a filled SPU position, transfer of a vacant SPU position, etc), the recommended position to be transferred, how the position will be integrated into SDOT's work processes to best eradicate and prevent graffiti on pay stations, refined cost estimates for the position, and an agreement between SPU and SDOT on billing and payment practices. If costs of the SDOT position are not entirely covered by the level of tonnage tax payment in the above-listed Council goals, the report should describe how SPU and SDOT will cover the excess costs.

It is anticipated that an ordinance to authorize the position and funding changes will be proposed in early 2011 based on the report's recommendations.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: March 1, 2011